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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: MARR, MASS, CB, TH, VS

SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF FORMER GVN AND GKR US-SUPPLIED  
MILITARY EQUIPMENT

REF: BANGKOK 8143

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR REPORT OF YOUR MEETING WITH CHATCHAI.  
THE POINTS YOU MADE WERE WELL-TAKEN AND YOUR LINE WAS JUST  
RIGHT.

2. IN VIEW OF KHUKRIT'S AND CHATCHAI'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS  
(BANGKOK 8145, 8146, AND 8147), WE THINK YOU SHOULD FOLLOW  
UP BY REITERATING TO CHATCHAI THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES  
SHOULD ANY OF OUR EQUIPMENT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW AU-  
THORITIES IN SOUTH VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA. TO DO SO WOULD  
CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS. CHATCHAI  
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SHOULD KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT WE CANNOT GO THROUGH WITH  
OUR OFFER TO THE THAI OF SOME OF THIS EQUIPMENT IF ANY OF  
IT SHOULD FIND ITS WAY BACK TO VIET-NAM OR CAMBODIA. MORE-  
OVER, IF THE RTG WERE TO TURN OVER ANY OF OUR EQUIPMENT TO

THE PRG, IT PRESUMABLY WOULD HAVE TO TURN OVER THAT WHICH IT HAD RECEIVED FROM US. CHATCHAI SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT SUCH OTHER COUNTRIES AS SOUTH KOREA, THE PHILIPPINES, AND INDONESIA HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CERTAIN ITEMS.

IF THESE ITEMS SHOULD BECOME UNAVAILABLE AS A RESULT OF THAI ACTIONS, THE RTG WOULD THEN HAVE PROBLEMS IN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THESE COUNTRIES.

3. (FYI: THE RETURN OF ANY OF THIS EQUIPMENT TO VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA WOULD ALSO CAUSE US TO RECONSIDER OUR ENTIRE THAI MAP. WE THINK IT BETTER, HOWEVER, NOT TO MENTION THIS FACT AT THIS POINT BUT KEEP IT IN RESERVE IN CASE IT IS NEEDED LATER. END FYI.)

4. CHATCHAI SHOULD FINALLY BE TOLD THAT OUR POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THIS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN CLEAR FROM THE START. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THAI OFFICIALS AND OUR ACTIONS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THEM. WE HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER ON THIS PROBLEM FOR OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

5. WE WILL PROVIDE REQUESTED TEXTS OF AGREEMENTS SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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